



## Regional Service Council Minutes

### Region #

**Meeting Date:**  
**Meeting Location:**

**Council Members Present:** Jennifer Munden, DCS Supervisor; Andrea Smith, Foster Parent; Annette Craycraft, GAL; Vickie Jones, Regional Manager; Terry Suttle, DCS Director; Gene Sanford, DCS Director; Jean Cates, DCS Director; Debbie VanMeter, DCS Family Case Manager; Judge Pflum

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Willis, Judge Cox

**Others In Attendance:** Dan Arens, Meridian Services; Scott Noel, White's; Mike Fleming, DCS; Mark Munchel, DCS; Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau

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#### 1. Meeting Called to Order at: 3:30 PM

#### 2. Welcome and Introductions: Completed

**3. Jon Bennett-Children's Bureau,** Service standard for Community Partners was distributed to members as well as a handout from Jon Bennett for Region 12 Community Partners for Child Safety, timelines and highlights. Another handout was given which included a brochure that addresses the existing program in region 10. Children's Bureau will work with community to develop policies and works with community to prevent child abuse. This committee will need (by May) one member of this council to be on advisory committee (one function will be to select the program manager. Second, put together a steering committee of individuals which include probation DCS etc. By 12-06 sites should be set and staff hired to begin service by 1-1-07. Steering committee will meet monthly. Each community will drive the program.

Prevention is everybody's role. They will be the conduit to services in the community. Once identified will make quick referrals as the data base of services will be at hand. Do we want to start in one county and branch out, where to start? Who are the critical players in this region? Which county first?

We decided to start with Fayette and Henry first, Wayne will be third. Motion made to locate office in Fayette County-Gene Sanford; second, Debbie VanMeter.

Representative from this region that will sit on the interview team and be a liaison to this group are Andrea Smith (volunteered) and Terry Suttle (drafted). Andrea will also be on the steering committee.

- 4. Practice Principles**-Handout last month, any questions or comments. No discussion.
- 5. Service Standard, Substance abuse:** one is being worked on and will have many components. What # of dollars are we willing to contribute?
- 6. - County Budgets:** No change in the process. June will be the month they are prepared. Information will be shared with the regional services council in July.
- 7.** Provider Fair-Stacy Lozer will assist in setting this up and training will be included. We could possibly have a speaker.
- 8. Misc.:** Topics we would like to have training on? No ideas stated. Let Vickie know if you think of something later.
- 9. June Meeting:** Vickie will be off, we can cancel the June meeting or reschedule, Terry Suttle moved to cancel June; Gene Sanford, second.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** May 8, 2006 at the Connersville DCS

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 4:15 PM